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REF: (A) LANDE-ELY APRIL 3 TELECON; (B) EC BRUSSELS 1998; (C) EC
BRUSSELS 1946

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS (REF A) THAT GOI POSITION ON KRAFT PAPER
IN CURRENT XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS IS THAT NO IMPROVEMENT IN EC'S
DECEMBER 13 OFFER IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF FORTHCOMING USG RESTRIC-
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TIONS ON US EXPORTS OF WOOD PULP FOR PAPER MANUFACTURE.

2. TIMING OF PROPOSED US EXPORT CONTROLS ON WOOD PULP AS DISCUSSED REF (C) COULD NOT BE WORSE FROM XXIV:6 STANDPOINT. GOI HAS CONSISTENLY BEEN OPPOSED TO EC CONCESSIONS ON KRAFT PAPER DUE TO RELATIVELY WEAK COMPETITIVE POSITION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY, WHICH IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT UPON IMPORTED WOOD PULP. IF US IN FACT HAS IMPOSED OR WILL IMPOSE EXPORT CONTROLS ON WOOD PULP, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THIS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY WORSEN ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION IN GETTING GOI TO AGREE TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF EC'S DECEMBER 13 OFFER ON KRAFT PAPER.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. VOLPE

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